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the story of MANKIND



The WWF's Mankind may not look like a force to be reckoned with, but don't let that fool you. As many of his opponents in the WWF ring have found out, Mankind can one minute be as docile as a child and the next as vicious as any professional wrestler out there.

This story takes Mankind out of the squared circle and pits him against insurmountable odds. Though all he's really looking for is a place to call home!

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YOU
HAD YOUR
CHANCE TO
GO PEACE-
ABLY!

IF ANY
OF YOU HAD
HALF A **BRAIN**,
YOU'D'VE
TAKEN IT!

WHERE'RE
WE
SUPPOSED
TO --

AK!



WAK!



NOT OUR
PROBLEM.

WE'RE
PAID TO
MAKE SURE
YOU *FINALLY*
GET THE
MESSAGE.

SO
WHAT'S IT
GOING TO
TAKE?

GET
AWAY
FROM
US!



GO
AHEAD AND
SCREAM.

NOBODY
WANTS YOU
HERE. WHO'S
GOING TO
HELP YOU?



I LOVE
THE SOUND
OF BREAKING
BONES!



I'M
GOOD AT
PAIN!



AND
IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
DO SOMETHING,
YOU MIGHT AS
WELL TAKE IT
TO THE MAX.

AM I
RIGHT OR
AM I
RIGHT?



Umm.

HE'S
INSANE!

RUN!



GOOD
NEWS, Mr.
SOCKO!
WE'RE
GOING TO
STAY *HERE*
FROM NOW
ON!



Mr. SOCKO'S HUNGRY!
HE HASN'T EATEN IN A LONG, LONG TIME.

WHO ARE YOU, MISTER?

I'M NIKKI!

I'M MANKIND.

THAT'S A FUNNY NAME.
DID YOUR MOM NAME YOU THAT?

I DUNNO.
IT'S JUST... MY NAME...

TELL YOUR FRIENDS NOT TO BE AFRAID OF Mr. SOCKO, NIKKI. HE WOULDN'T HURT A FLY.

THOUGH, COME TO THINK OF IT, HE DID HURT A FLY ONCE...



SOME
INTERFERING
MADMAN
WAS UP
THERE.

SENDING
POLICE TO
CLEAR OUT THAT
SQUATTERS' CAMP
WOULD BE A PUBLIC
RELATIONS
NIGHTMARE.

YOU WERE
RECOMMENDED
AS AN EXPERT IN
THESE THINGS,
Mr --

MY
NAME IS
UNIMPORTANT.
CALL ME **THE**
DIRECTOR.

NOT
THAT WE DON'T
SYMPATHIZE WITH
THE HOMELESS, OF
COURSE, BUT
THEY'RE...

MAYOR
DICK BOWLDER



UNSIGHTLY,
YES. AND THEY
SHARE A QUALITY
THAT MAKES THEM
EMINENTLY SUITABLE
FOR MY
RESEARCH.

THEY
AREN'T
OFTEN
MISSED.

YOU
AREN'T
GOING TO,
Ah...

KILL
THEM?

I'M NOT A
BARBARIAN,
MAYOR.

I NEVER WASTE
RESOURCES.

I WILL
BRING
MEANING TO
THEIR WASTED
LIVES --

MAYOR
DICK BOWLDER

"-- AND, SOMEDAY,
TO ALL MANKIND!"

HE'S TOO
UNSTABLE.
WHAT IF WE
MAKE HIM
MAD?

WHAT
CHOICE
DO WE
HAVE?



WE, Uh,
NEED TO
TALK.

WE
WANT TO SAY
HOW MUCH WE
APPRECIATE YOUR
HELP, BUT --



I LOVE
YOU
TOO!

I NEVER
HAD A FAMILY
BEFORE!



THIS
IS THE
HAPPIEST
DAY OF MY
LIFE!



FWIP IPIPIPIPIPI

FOM
FOM

GAS!
NIKKI!



THERE'S
OUR
LUNATIC, Mr.
PROCTOR.
REPORTS
ARE HE EATS
UP PAIN LIKE
CANDY.



HE
STILL HAS
TO *BREATHE*,
LIKE EVERYONE
ELSE. THAT
MAKES HIM
OURS.

TAKE
HIM
DOWN.
WE
WOULDN'T
WANT THE
DIRECTOR TO BE
DISAPPOINTED.



FOM

SOMEONE'S
ROCKING MY
DREAM-
BOAT!

I WON'T
LET ANYONE
HURT YOU
NIKKI!

I
PROMISE!

I

PRO

MIZ

ZZZZ

ANOTHER
WORTHLESS
PIECE OF
NOTHING.

ROUND
THEM UP,
GENTLEMEN!
WE HAVE
A SCHEDULE
TO KEEP!



LET US ALL BE CLEAR ON ONE THING. WE ARE NOT YOUR JAILERS. WE ARE HERE TO MAKE YOU, AND HUMANITY, BETTER.

A CATAclysm IS COMING THAT MAN AS WE KNOW HIM WILL NOT SURVIVE! ONLY BY CREATING NEW MEN, DEAD TO FEAR AND BUILT FOR DUTY, WILL THE HUMAN RACE CONTINUE!

WITH YOU FOR RAW MATERIAL, I WILL CREATE THIS NEW MAN. YOU WERE HUMANITY'S FLOTSAM, NOW YOU ARE THE WORLD'S HOPE. A PITY FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL NEVER KNOW OF YOUR SACRIFICE.



BASTARD!
WHERE'S MY DAUGHTER?!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

HOW CHARMINGLY NAÏVE.





I HAVE
GOTTEN
AWAY WITH
IT.

FURTHER
OUTBURSTS
WILL NOT BE
TOLERATED.
AM I UNDER-
STOOD?

OUR
SERVICES ARE IN
GREAT DEMAND,
FROM POPULATION
CLEANUP TO
PROGRAMMABLE
SOLDIERS.

THERE
ISN'T A
GOVERNMENT
ON EARTH THAT
DOES NOT
BACK ME.

NOW
THIS
OTHER
ONE --

THEY
SAY HE CALLS
HIMSELF
MANKIND.

INTERESTING.

HE COULD BE A
NATURAL MISSING
LINK TOWARD WHAT
WE'RE TRYING TO
ACCOMPLISH --

?!

HE'S
MISSING!

HONEY,
I'M HOME!

GAHHH!



WHAT'S HE
DOING?!

TRYING
TO BREAK
OUT -- I
THINK...

THAT'S
CRAZY! HE'LL
INJURE
HIMSELF.



I'M DUE
IN SURGERY.
RESTRAIN HIM
BEFORE I
GET BACK.

I REFUSE
TO LOSE
WHATEVER
SECRETS ARE
HIDING IN
HIM.



HE
KNOCKED
HIMSELF
OUT.

WRAP
THE DUMMY
UP BEFORE
HE COMES
TO.



STOP!

THIS IS A TASER! IT'LL PUT AS MUCH ELECTRICITY THROUGH YOU AS I WANT.

TAKE ONE STEP TOWARD ME AND YOU FRY.

AM I SCARED YET?

YOU PUT ME THROUGH HELL!



AND
ALL I GOT
WAS THIS
LOUSY
T-SHIRT!

WAM



NIKKI!!



WHERE
ARE YOU,
NIKKI?!

HOW'D
THAT
MANIAC GET
OUT OF HIS
CELL?!

THEY SAY
HE CAN'T BE
STOPPED!



YOU
FIRST!

WOW



HE
CAN BE
BROKEN
LIKE ANY
MAN!





NIKKI!

I DON'T
LIKE HIDE
AND
SEEK!

THEN
LET'S PLAY
KING OF THE
MOUNTAIN.
THAT WOULD
BE ME.

I REALIZED
YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT WE DO HERE,
SO I BROUGHT SOME
SAMPLES FROM
OUR PRODUCT
LINE.

BRUTE
AND FORCE
ARE AS FAR ABOVE
YOU AS YOU
ARE ABOVE
THE APE --

SORRY.
BAD
EXAMPLE.

BRUTE! A
DEMONSTRATION,
PLEASE!





WHAT
THE
DEVIL --?!

GET HIM
OUT OF
HERE!



TASTE
THE
POWER OF
FORCE!



Mmmm!
BEEFY!



WATCH
OUT! HE'S
GOT AN
ELECTRICAL
CABLE!

STOP IT!
THIS IS AN
OPERATING
THEATER, NOT
SOME -- SOME --
**WRESTLING
RING!**



I ALWAYS
WANTED A TWIN
BROTHER!
WANT TO
VOLUNTEER?

RAK



Oh
NO...

THE
CHEMICALS... THE
ELECTRICITY...



NIKKI!

IF YOU
HURT HER,
I'LL KILL
YOU!



I HAVEN'T
BEGUN WITH
HER YET, YOU
CRETIN! OR
YOU!

BRING
THEM
BACK!



Oh MY
GOD!
MY
BABY!

DON'T
SHOUT,
MOM. I'M
TIRED...

WHERE'S
MANKIND?

YOU'RE
ALL THAT
MATTERS,
NIKKI.

NONE
OF YOU
MATTER!

YOU HAD
A CHANCE TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE,
BUT YOU RAN
FROM IT LIKE
THE ANTS YOU
ARE.

THIS IS
WHY GREAT
MEN LIKE *ME*
MUST MAKE
CHOICES FOR
YOU.

FOCUSED
SOLELY ON
POSTERITY, WE
ARE ABOVE THE
SELFISHNESS
THAT TAINTS
YOU!

YOU
MAY MAKE
ONE LAST
CHOICE
NOW --

-- *RETURN*
TO YOUR
PENS, AND AID
MY RESEARCH --
OR *DIE!*



I PICK
DOOR
NUMBER
THREE!

YOU
LIVE?!

YOU
MUST LET
ME STUDY YOU!
YOU'LL HAVE
A HOME -- A
PURPOSE --

WHAT
CAN I
SAY?

PUT A
SOCK IN
IT!

Ur-Ur-
Ur-Ur-

HAVE
A NICE
DAY!

WE'VE
ALREADY
GOT A HOME,
DON'T WE, Mr.
SOCKO?



Um... IT'S NOT
THAT WE DON'T
APPRECIATE...

YOU'RE
TOO *WILD*.
OUR LIVES ARE
DANGEROUS
ENOUGH
ALREADY.



AND
THAT'S ALL
YOU THINK
I AM
INSIDE?

GUTS?

AND AN
UNBREAKABLE
HEART?



DON'T GO
MANKIND.

I'M
SORRY,
NIKKI.

Mr.
SOCKO
SAYS IT'S
TIME.



SOME-
WHERE WE'VE
GOT A REAL
HOME, AND A
NAME AND A
FACE AND A
PAST.



AND
WE'RE
GOING TO
FIND IT!

SCANNED

BY

RMAN